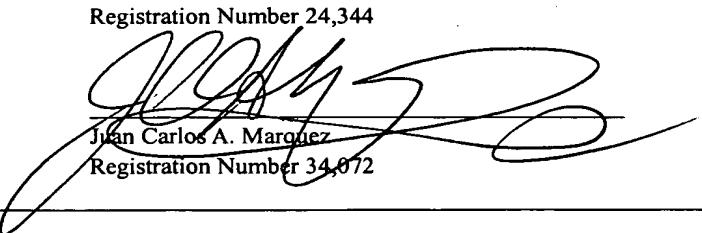
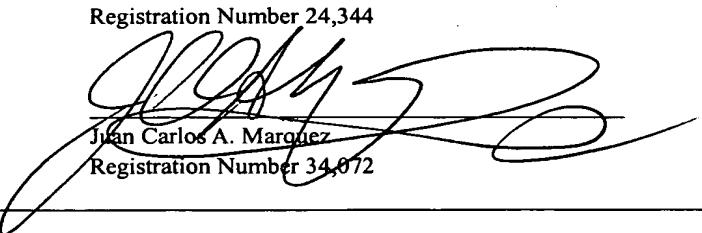


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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. §371		U.S. Application Number (If known) 10/541193
<i>International Application Number</i> PCT/EP2003/011788	<i>International Filing Date</i> 24 October 2003	<i>Priority Date Claimed</i> 7 January 2003
<i>Title of Invention</i> FASTENER		
<i>Applicant(s) for DO/EO/US</i> LUTZ KONRAD AND MARKUS WOLLNER		
<p>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. §371.</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. §371.</p> <p>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. §371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.</p> <p>4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).</p> <p>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(2)) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). </p> <p>6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto is a copy of the International Application. b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). </p> <p>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(3)) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made. </p> <p>8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(3)).</p> <p>9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An executed oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</p> <p>10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(5)).</p>		
<i>Items 11 to 20 below concern other document(s) or information included:</i>		
<p>11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98.</p> <p>12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§3.28 and 3.31 is included.</p> <p>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A Preliminary Amendment.</p> <p>14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 C.F.R. §1.76.</p> <p>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</p> <p>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.</p> <p>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821-1.825</p> <p>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: Request for Priority</p>		

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				Applicant use	Office use only
21. <input type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted:				\$300.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> a) Basic national fee		\$300.00		\$300.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> b) Examination fee		\$200.00		\$200.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> c) Search fee		\$500.00		\$500.00	
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =		\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof					
Total Sheets	Extra Sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole number)	RATE		
23 - 100=	/50 =		x \$250.00	\$0.00	
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 C.F.R. §1.492(e)).				\$0.00	
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE		
Total Claims	24	4	x \$50.00	\$200.00	
Independent Claims	3	0	x \$200.00	\$0.00	
Multiple Dependant Claims (if applicable)			+ 360.00	\$0.00	
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				\$1200.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2				\$600.00	
			SUBTOTAL =	\$600.00	
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 C.F.R. §1.492(f)).				\$0.00	
			TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =	\$600.00	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 C.F.R. § 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 C.F.R. §§ 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property				\$40.00	
			TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =	\$640.00	
Amount to be Refunded:				\$	
Amount to be charged				\$	
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$640.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.					
b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account Number 08-1480 in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.					
c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number 08-1480. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.					
d. <input type="checkbox"/> Fees are to be charged to a credit card. WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.					
Note: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 C.F.R. §1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 C.F.R. §1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.					
Respectfully submitted,					
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<p>Juan Carlos A. Marquez Registration Number 34,072</p> 					
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